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Will be out on CDO on Friday and OCIR's Carolyn Levine asked for me to be a point of contact over the weekend for the HQ EOC which I told her was fine so will be monitoring e-mail and voicemail over the weekend.

Congressional and Intergovernmental:

Congressional Outreach on Gold King Mine: Brent Maier sent out a reminder of today's call to update Congressional staff, elected officials and other state and local representatives on EPA activities in follow up to the Gold King Mine Release. There will be one final call of this nature on Tuesday, August 25th.

Senators Ask EPA Inspector General to Investigate Specific Issues in Animas Spill: The six senators from Colorado, Utah and New Mexico are asking EPA's inspector general to take a careful look at 13 specific issues regarding the Animas River spill. EPA's IG is conducting a preliminary inquiry, but the lawmakers want to ensure that getting answers will help prevent similar accidents in the future. Among other things, the bipartisan group of senators ask the IG to describe the expertise of workers at the mine site; determine EPA's legal obligations and describe whether it met them; look at the delay in informing local officials; and say whether EPA should have studied the pressure of the trapped water before opening the mine. Read: <http://1.usa.gov/1hMX7Qp>.

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Safety Administration (PHMSA), California Resource Agencies, Fish and Wildlife Service, Parks, and local and county offices/officials have been invited to brief the Senator in advance of the press event. Brent Maier asked Mr. Rodriguez if, in light of our current involvement with our response actions related to Gold King Mine, whether the Senator's office would be fine with our preparing a written briefing document that would cover EPA's role and response actions at the Refugio oil spill cleanup, and Mr. Rodriguez stated that they would be fine with that if we are not able to send a representative because of our ongoing involvement with Gold King Mine. Kelly Zito discussed our plans to prepare a briefing document in lieu of sending a representative with Jared which he was fine with our doing. Brent Maier received notes back from both Nicholas Rodriguez, Field Representative, and Yvette Martinez, Senator Boxer's Deputy State Director/Senior Advisor acknowledging that EPA is not able to send a representative, but will be providing a written briefing document in lieu of sending a representative.

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